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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 2:03 PM
To: 'WT Clark'
Subject: RE: Duke Energy hearing December 7th

Dear Mr. Clark,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
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From: WT Clark [<mailto:wtc.ces@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 8:24 AM
To: Contact
Cc: Jeff Mitchell
Subject: Duke Energy hearing December 7th

South Carolina has an opportunity to make an impact next month towards reducing ozone and other pollutants in the state, a goal of large cities that often struggle in the summer months to comply with federal and state mandates or face fines. With Duke Energy requesting a rate increase, the PSC possibly has an opportunity to do something to help these cities. As recently as 2007 Duke Energy offered a special rate for electric vehicle owners. I learned of this recently from an engineer who is an advocate of electric vehicles (EV's) as am I. Upon checking with Duke, I was informed the program had been discontinued. [Here is a link](#) which is still on their site even though they don't offer it anymore.

I don't know what your decision about their rate hike request will be but I'm thinking you will likely approve some amount of increase. I'm not sure you could do this but it would be great if you could in consideration of a general rate hike, insert a stipulation that they again offer a reduced rate for EV charging at homes and offices. This is a move that if in the power of the PSC to do, would impact air quality over time by encouraging the use of EV's and do so at no cost to the state.

A second benefit of EV use is an increase in discretionary spending funds by EV owners, most of which will be injected into the economy of our state. At this time I have an EV and over the last month drove about 800 miles, eliminating the burning of about 57 gallons of diesel in the Spartanburg/Greenville area. My vehicle has about a 100 mile range allowing me to do quite a bit of driving. I now only use the diesel when I need to tow something heavy or make long trips. For the 800 miles I drove the EV last month it saved me about \$200, money that will remain in this state rather than go to some foreign country. All told I have driven over 10,000 miles in the EV, saving about 715 gallons of diesel and about \$2500.

I know it's a little late to be bringing this up but hopefully you can still work something out.

Thanks for your time,

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